

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: my pi036.cam

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

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Applicant: The District Court At Auckland

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:
Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**
The computer image file *my pi036.cam* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the computer image file depicts a naked boy in his early to mid-teenage years in a sexual pose with a prominent focus on his genitals. The image is intended for sexual titillation and arousal. Such images encourage viewers to see young persons as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to validate a sexual interest in young persons and encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 that publications which promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes will be deemed objectionable. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society and is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression.